



Travel for Credit: Exploring English in the U.K.

9 DAYS

Included in the program fee:

- Round trip airfare
- Transfers to and from the airport and hotel and between destination cities (as per program itinerary)
- Overnight in hotels with private bathrooms
- Continental breakfast daily
- Dinner daily
- Full-time services of an EF Tour Director

Not included in the program fee:

- Customary gratuities for your tour director, local guide and driver
- Porterage
- Personal Insurance
- Beverages and lunches
- Public transportation to free time activities

Overnight stays: Edinburgh region (2); London (5).

Sightseeing tours led by an expert:

Edinburgh; London; Tolkien and Lewis themed tour of Oxford.

Entrances included: Stirling Castle; Edinburgh Castle; Guided tour of the Globe Theatre & Workshop; Evening Theatre Performance; British Library's Treasures Collection; Oxford New College; University of Oxford Ashmolean Museum; Creative Writing Workshop at the Ashmolean Museum; 2 Curated Learning Module Activities.

Please note that the following is a sample timed itinerary for this EF tour with approximate addresses, activity durations, and transfer times. Exact timing may vary based on available flights, hotel location, scheduled activity bookings, traffic, etc. Your EF Tour Director is available to the group 24/7 while on tour. EF works with Group Leaders to ensure that travellers have a safe and memorable experience while on tour.

Day 1: Board your overnight flight to Scotland!

Day 2: Glasgow | Stirling | St. Andrews | Edinburgh

Arrive in Glasgow and meet your Tour Director at the airport

Walking tour of Stirling

Visit Stirling Castle

There has been a castle fortification in Stirling for over 800 years and today you have a chance to explore these varied histories and eras. Learn about the turbulent measures imposed on the castle by many English invaders, as well as the castle's role as a military depot.

Walking tour of St. Andrews

Supervised exploration time in St. Andrews

Set on Scotland's picturesque coastline, St. Andrews is a renowned university town as well as the birthplace of golf. Pass by the buildings of St. Andrews University, founded by Mary Queen of Scots in the 16th century, and along the restored medieval streets, you can see the ruins of St. Andrews Castle. This includes an oppressive bottle dungeon and a mine dug by besieging forces in the 16th century. You could also choose to explore the nearby ruins of the city's cathedral, once Scotland's most magnificent church.

Arrive in Edinburgh

Storytelling and the written word have been the life force of Edinburgh's art and culture for centuries. Its contributions to the world of literature are so rich and well-recognized that in 2004, Edinburgh became the world's first UNESCO City of Literature.

Day 3: Edinburgh

Guided sightseeing of Edinburgh

Today, enjoy a sightseeing tour that offers panoramic views of Edinburgh's New Town, constructed in the 18th century during a time of rapid expansion, known as the "Scottish Enlightenment." See Charlotte Square, the center of New Town, then pass by the homes of Alexander Graham Bell and Robert Louis Stevenson, and view a monument to Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet. Visit Calton Hill, which offers splendid views of the Firth of Forth to the Lomond Hills of Fife. Pass the Palace of Holyroodhouse, still the Royal Family's official residence in Scotland.

Visit Edinburgh Castle

Situated atop an extinct volcano, the castle is the enduring symbol of Scotland's capital and home to many of the nation's storied events. Ownership of the fortress changed hands on numerous occasions over the centuries, from Scottish to English and back again. Mary, Queen of Scots, gave birth in the castle to James VI of Scotland, who would later rule England as James I. Enter the castle through the Esplanade and see the Stone of Scone, the coronation stone that was returned to Scotland in 1997 after 700 years of English possession.

'Learning Module'

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Day 4: Edinburgh

Supervised exploration time in central Edinburgh

Utilize your last morning in this beautiful city to grab souvenirs, explore more of old town, visit an art gallery, or pop into the (free) Edinburgh Writers Museum to learn more about famous Scottish poets and authors.

Board a day train to London

Arrive in London

Ranging from the North Sea in the east to the playing fields of Eton in the west, London covers an area of some 620 square miles and is home to over 8 million people. Prepare to observe the stunning architecture, vibrant street life and royal majesty of this bustling metropolis.

Walking tour of London (time permitting)

Stroll through the heart of London on your Tour Director-led walking tour, which begins along the banks of the River Thames. Together you might explore the banks of the River Thames and Trafalgar Square, or make a stop at the chic Covent Garden, where street performers (or "buskers") amuse the lively crowds.

Day 5: London

Guided sightseeing of London

A local guide leads you on a panoramic tour of London. At bustling Piccadilly Circus, the intersection of five busy streets, check out the bright lights and big city displays, before heading to Trafalgar Square, site of Nelson's Column, built to commemorate his 1805 victory in the Battle of Trafalgar. Snap a photo of the Houses of Parliament and continue along London's South Bank for views of the famous Tower of London and London Bridge. View St. Paul's Cathedral, the magnificent 17th-century Baroque church designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Finally, witness a London tradition: the Changing of the Guard. (Subject to scheduling)

Explore Borough Market

Take some time to explore historic Borough Market, one of the oldest and most highly regarded fresh food markets in the city, with over 100 individual stalls. Allow your senses to be enticed by bubbling vats of curry, slabs of English cheese, sizzling sausages and mouthwatering gourmet sweets and baked delights.

Guided Tour of the Globe Theatre

Built just 200 yards from its original site, London's new Globe Theatre transports visitors to Elizabethan England. Those were the days when rowdy groundlings hurled rotten food at the actors to express their displeasure with a performance, and villains like Othello's Iago were mercilessly heckled by the enthusiastic crowd.

Globe Theatre Workshop

This is your chance to channel your inner Bard! After a guided visit of the theater, take this opportunity to perfect your craft during a theatre workshop at Shakespeare's renowned Globe Theatre.

Attend an evening theatre performance

Participate in London's vibrant drama scene as you attend an evening theater performance in the West End. London has over 80 mainstream theaters-the largest array in the world-featuring everything from traditional classics to cutting edge works by new writers. Put on your theatre critic hat as you may be asked to write your own show review.

Day 6: London

Enhanced visit of the British Library's Treasures Collection

The British Library houses an impressive 150 million items in many languages and forms. The undeniable highlight is the Treasures of the British Library Gallery. The collection includes original copies of a dizzying array of iconic English works from Shakespeare's first folio, to the Magna Carta, to Jane Austen's greats, to *Alice in Wonderland* and even handwritten lyrics by the Beatles.

Public Speaking activity at Speaker's Corner

A bastion of free speech since Victorian times, Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park is one of the best-known locations for public speaking and debating the world. The premise is simple: anybody can turn up and talk on any subject they like, as long as it is lawful. Members of the public soon stop to listen, respond and, on occasion, enter into animated debate with speakers. Learn about the history of this place and practice a few public speaking techniques of your own. Can you persuade someone with your words?

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Day 7: Oxford

Tolkien and Lewis themed guided sightseeing of Oxford

Visit sites related to the great writers J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis. Experience the setting in which they wrote some of their greatest works. Sites include the home where Tolkien wrote *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, the Eagle and Child Pub where Tolkien & Lewis often met, and the final resting places of these two literary icons.

Walking tour of Oxford

Travel through the Chiltern Hills to ivy-draped Oxford. A mecca of learning for over 800 years, Oxford is the oldest university in the English-speaking world (alumni include 14 prime ministers; former president Bill Clinton spent a term here as well). Walk through the peaceful quads and cloisters of Brasenose College, and gaze up at the town's "dreaming spires." Oxford was home and inspiration to many literary greats like J.R.R. Tolkien (*The Hobbit*), C.S. Lewis (*Chronicles of Narnia*), and Lewis Carroll (*Alice in Wonderland*).

Visit New College

Visit the New College in Oxford-- Despite its name, it is actually one of the oldest colleges of the University of Oxford. Currently ranking as the top school of the university, it is also home to one of best choirs in the world. If parts of the campus look familiar, it may be because you recognize it from *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, as a few of the scenes were filmed here.

Creative Writing Workshop

Participate in an interactive creative writing workshop in Oxford.

Day 8: London

Supervised exploration time in London

Enjoy time to explore London on your own. You might choose to browse through the countless stores along Oxford Street, enjoy an afternoon tea or visit one of London's many (free) museums and art galleries.

Fish & Chips Dinner

Day 9: London

Transfer to the airport for your return flight

Your tour director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you will check in for your return flight home.

Itinerary is subject to change.

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